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At the last state election I was impressed by how quickly and easily my wife and I were able to vote. Simply showing our ID that was sent to us through the mail and having it scanned meant that the electoral Officer was immediately able to access our records. We then confirmed our details and were handed out papers in record time. I have worked in elections in different states. In the past I have worked in both state and federal elections and I have to say that showing ID meant that the process was the simplest and smoothest I have ever seen. I find it hard to believe that the new state government sees fit to change this purely on ideological grounds rather than looking at the practical benefits it gives for ordinary citizens like myself. As voting is such an important privilege why shouldn't people have to show ID? ID is needed when dealing with various government departments to obtain drivers license and other things. Why should voting be any different? Please do not change the law-keep it the way it is.

Yours sincerely,

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